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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN MEDIA REPORT ON ICCS REQUEST

1. IN AN ARTICLE COINCIDING WITH AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS' FIRST WEEK OF OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES HERE, THE HIGHLY RESPECTED, NATIONALLY CIRCULATED NEWS MAGAZINE VEJA REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS HAD JUST MISSED PLAYING A PART IN "SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE PLACE (BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GOB) IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS". THE ARTICLE STATES THAT ON JULY 17 CHARGE CLEVELAND DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT MEDICI A REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT NIXON FOR BRAZIL TO SUBSTITUTE FOR CANADA ON THE ICCS.

2. VEJA FURTHER REPORTS THAT THE REQUEST, CHARACTERIZED BY THE MAGAZINE AS "LESS DANGEROUS THAN PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S 1966 REQUEST FOR COMBAT TROOPS", WAS DENIED BY THE GOB. THE ARTICLE GIVES FOUR SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE GOB'S REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE (A) BRAZIL'S POSITION ON VIET NAM IS WELL KNOWN, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HER TO SERVE ON A COMMISSION THE MEMBERS OF WHICH, THEORETICALLY AT LEAST, ARE NEUTRAL; (B) CANADA WITHDREW DECRYING THE COMMISSION'S INEFFECTIVENESS-THERE'S NO REASON TO BELIEVE BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD ALTER THIS SITUATION; (C) THE

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CASUALTIES INEVITABLY RESULTING FROM BRAZIL'S PARTICIPATION

WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE DOMESTIC IMPACT: (D) THE GOB DOES NOT CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE, VIS-A-VIS HER RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA TO PRESENT HERSELF AS AN OVERT ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES IN ASIA.

3. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED THAT THEY WERE THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK AND THE EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THEM: THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE IS WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AND WE ARE AWARE OF HIS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE STAFF AND, IN PARTICULAR WITH THE PRESIDENT'S SON (AND SECRETARY) ROBERTO MEDICI. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THE LEAK CAME FROM SUCH A SOURCE.
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